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SUBJECT: TOW MISSILES: MTT ROLE

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1. WE HAVE NOTED IN REFTEL AND IN EARLIER REPORTS FROM LONDON COMMENTS FROM FCO THAT SALE OF TOWS WAS CONTRARY TO USG POLICY AS SET FORTH IN PREVIOUS US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON PERSIAN GULF.

2. DURING MEETING WITH WILBERFORCE AND REEVE ON JAN 16 (REF B), WE POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD IN FACT INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF EARLIER INTEREST OF OMANIS IN TOWS AND THE REASON WHY WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE PREVIOUSLY TO FURNISH THEM FROM US STOCKS. WE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT AS SOON AS A DECISION WAS MADE TO SELL OMANIS A

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LIMITED NUMBER OF TOWS, BRITISH EMBASSY HERE WAS FIRST TO

KNOW. DEPT FEELS THAT IN ITS PERIODIC CONTACTS WITH BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS IT HAS CONSULTED CLOSELY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN PERSIAN GULF AND THIS HAS BEEN SUPPLEMENTED, OF COURSE, BY THE PERIODIC US-UK MEETINGS AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL ON THE PERSIAN GULF.

3. US ARMS POLICY IN LOWER GULF, AS BRITISH ARE AWARE FROM POLICY STATEMENT WHICH WE FURNISHED THEM IN OCTOBER 1972, REMAINS THAT AS GENERAL RULE USG WILL APPROVE SALE OF EQUIPMENT TO LOWER GULF STATES AND OMAN WHICH WILL ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CAPABILITIES OF THESE STATES. USG WILL NOT APPROVE SALE OF EQUIPMENT, SOPHISTICATED OR OFFENSIVE, WHICH COULD BY ITS PRESENCE IN THE AREA CREATE A DESTABILIZING FACTOR. SALE REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITHIN THIS GUIDELINE. WE CONSIDER SALE OF LIMITED NUMBERS OF TOWS, IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE ARMORED THREAT OF PDRY, TO BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY, AND ARE CONFIDENT FCO WILL ALSO SEE IT THAT WAY. KISSINGER

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